



Claims, the formation of a Nicaraguan Government commission to review cases involving U.S. citizen claims that have languished in court, and the publication of the Nicaraguan Government's property claims compensation process on the Attorney General's website (Ref B).

¶7. (SBU) Although the Liaison Office for U.S. Claims has improved communication between the Embassy and Nicaraguan Government, the Ortega administration has limited cooperation on casework between Embassy and Nicaraguan working-level officials to once-a-month meetings. All other communication is conducted through official correspondence between the Ambassador and the Attorney General. In May 2008, the Nicaraguan government lifted a ban on Embassy officials' participation in meetings between U.S. citizen claimants and the Attorney General.

¶8. (U) The Embassy will continue to press for swift and suitable resolution of outstanding U.S. citizen property claims in accordance with Section 584 (c) (i) of H.R. 4818, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005. Section 584 specifically precludes adding claims registered after August 1, 2005, for inclusion in waiver determinations based on Section 527 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of FY 1994/1995. The Embassy also assists U.S. citizens seeking restitution for claims not registered under the aforementioned act.

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